human judgment has always been misled by the tapestries of an established order without paying sufficient regard to the condition of the *Hypnotism of* wants they face and on which they hang. *an established* Everything they saw most of what they heard, pointed to revolution, and immediate revolution. Even Sir Henry Wilson wrote in his private diary :—

" It seems as certain as anything can be that the Emperor and Empress are riding for a fall. Everyone—officers, merchants, ladies—talk openly of the absolute necessity of doing away with them, . . .

They have lost their people, their nobles, and now their army, and I see no hope for them ; there will be terrible trouble one day here/[5]

Mr. G. R. Clerk (now Sir George Clerk) the British Ambassador in Paris, then an experienced Foreign Office official who accompanied Mr. *G. Clerk's* the Mission to Russia, presented to Lord Milner a report of, his impressions from which I give the following extract:—

" When the Mission left England on *2* ist January, the position in Russia appeared to be dominated by the possible effects of the assassination of Rasputin. When we arrived in Petrograd, we found that, beyond a general feeling of relief that there was one obnoxious and noisome personality the less in the world, nothing had

really been changed by the murder, and the only definite result appeared to be an inclination to doubt the value of assassination as tempering autocracy.

This situation is typical of the whole position in